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'SHE WANTED TO END THEIR SUFFERING'

Mum admits manslaughter, but is cleared of children's murder



Bereaved father: Gary Clarence with his twin sons Ben and Max

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A severely depressed mother killed her three disabled children because she believed their quality of life "was more important than their longevity", a court has heard.

Tania Clarence, 42, suffocated twin sons Ben and Max, three, and Olivia, four, at the family's home in Thetford Road, New Malden, in April. All three children had spinal muscular atrophy, a genetic muscular disease causing the gradual deterioration of nerve cells, leading to loss of mobility, respiratory problems and, in severe cases, death during childhood.

This week prosecutors dropped all three murder charges against the mother of four, accepting her plea of manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

The court heard how Clarence found caring for the three children

"exhausting, distressing and debilitating", and "wanted to end their suffering".

Her husband Gary, who was in the couple's native South Africa with their eldest daughter at the time of the deaths, attended Monday's hearing.

Clarence will be sentenced next month.

A serious case review has also been launched into the deaths, examining Kingston Council's involvement with the Clarence family, as well as other agencies.

Sylvia Chew, Kingston Council's director of children's social care, said: "We will ensure that any learning from this review is incorporated into our work with children with disabilities and their families."

Meanwhile, Kingston's lead member for children has urged any under-pressure parents and carers of disabled family members to seek support.

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Gongs for gardeners in comp

The borough's best gardens were singled out and their keepers were awarded at a ceremony celebrating this year's Kingston in Bloom competition.

Winners, including children from Grand Avenue Primary School, were treated to afternoon tea at Guildhall last month.



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Best gardens: The Kingston in Bloom judges

Pig death

A pig died in an allotment fire – but chickens on the same site survived.

Fire crews were called to two fires overnight on Wednesday, October 8, in Kingston and Chessington.

Surbiton and Kingston crews were first called to allotments off Kingston Road at 1am, where a 10m stretch of land was on fire.

Firefighters said the flames were brought under control in about 40 minutes.

Surbiton's crew tackled a second fire at 6am, when they were called to a car alight in Oaklands Close, off Clayton Road, Chessington.

The Toyota Aygo was completely destroyed by the fire, which saw the fuel tank rupture. No one was injured.

New chapter for library nights

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A new library is set to open in Kingston town centre – but it is unlikely you will be told to keep the noise down.

Nightclub Ama-gi closed its doors for the final time last week, and will re-open later this month following a £100,000 refurbishment.

The High Street club will be rebranded as Library, and run by former Oceana manager Steve Fleury.

Mr Fleury, who also owns the Acorn 20 bar in Richmond Road, said: "We aim to give you incredible nights out in a safe and relaxed environment.

"The refit is the most extensive the venue has ever had and when I was in with the builders this morning, there was nothing but a shelf left.

"This is great news for Kingston and gives variety to our night-time economy."

Mr Fleury was in charge of Oceana 10 years ago, when he vowed to cut down on alcohol-related trouble associated with the club.

He had left the club before clubber Jamie Sanderson, 20, was stabbed to death there in 2012, and the venue was re-named Pryzm – a rebrand that drew comment over its unfortunate similarity to the word "prison".

Mr Fleury has also taken over as operator of newly-reopened Barcadia, which had its licence revoked in January after a customer was gassed on Christmas Eve 2013.

The Clarence Street venue, which is opposite Pryzm, stayed open as a pop-up burger bar, before being handed back its licence last month. Barcadia is also expected to



Night life: Ama-gi, left, is being refurbished, right, and will re-open as Library; Barcadia is expected to get a rebrand

undergo a rebrand shortly.

Both venues are owned by Huseyin Sanli who said: "I just want to do something

different in Kingston – more of a reason to go out than just drinking and dancing.

"You find these kinds of

places in Shoreditch and the East End and they are really fun."

Mr Sanli promised Barcadia, once it is rebranded, would have a more "Shoreditch-like feel".

He said he was considering including stand-up comedians at both venues and that Library would "definitely have bookshelves".

Library is expected to open later this month.

Ama-gi was one of Kingston's least problematic nightclubs, although in 2010 a porn star from Birmingham was fined for punching the club's then manager, after she was taken out of the venue for flashing her breasts.

It also successfully applied for a sex establishment license in January 2013 to allow for pole dancing, striptease and lap dancing shows at the venue.

Kingstons House is to become a free school for children aged four to 18 within a year. Jessica Vincent went to Norbiton to find out what people thought of the idea.



Shihab Alhaydair, 58, Kingston: "I think it's a great idea. The school will hopefully bring more customers to the shop."



Roland Perrin, 62, and Damien Perrin, 27, Molesey: "The building is too high and the parking could also be a problem."



Sophie Day, 29, Kingston: "I was surprised by the choice of location. However, more school places are needed."



Joanne Dollin, 52, Hampshire: "There are not enough schools. A lollipop lady will be needed on this zebra crossing, though."



Ian Clarke, 38, Surbiton: "A new school will be great. I do not think the road will be a problem."



Richard Harrison, 24, Kingston: "There does not seem to be any outdoor spaces. Where would the children play?"



Catrina Mayhead, 64, Kingston: "I do not like the idea of a free school. It will just encourage segregation of religion in the area."

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Mother's murder charges dropped

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Murder charges against a New Malden mother who killed her three disabled children "to end their suffering" have been dropped.

Tania Clarence, 42, suffocated twins Ben and Max, three, and Olivia, four, who all had spinal muscular atrophy, at their home in Thetford Road in April.

She had admitted manslaughter in July on the grounds of diminished responsibility, and at the Old Bailey on Monday prosecutors accepted the plea.

Prosecutor Zoe Johnson QC told the court Clarence had been examined by two psychiatrists.

She said: "Both psychiatrists agree that when Tania Clarence killed her three children she was suffering from a major depressive episode which impaired her ability to form a rational judgement."

"Mrs Clarence killed her children because she was depressed and because she wanted to end their suffering."

She added Clarence had "a



Press: News crews at the house

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long and firmly-held belief that the quality of her children's lives was more important than their longevity".

Jeff Sturman, defending, said Clarence found caring for the three children "exhausting, distressing [and] debilitating".

He added she "bitterly regretted" killing them, and dearly loved them.

Clarence had attempted suicide after killing the children, the court heard.

She did not attend the hearing before Mr Justice Sweeney, but her husband Gary Clarence was present, wearing a dark suit and red tie.

Originally from South Africa, the Clarence family moved to New Malden from

Southfields last year.

On April 22 this year, Clarence was arrested on suspicion of murder after the children's bodies were discovered at the five-bedroom family home, which had been extensively renovated to allow for their needs.

Her husband was in South Africa with their eldest child at the time.

Clarence was initially taken to hospital for treatment for cuts, before being charged with murder two days later.

She was remanded to a secure hospital, which cannot be named for legal reasons, under the Mental Health Act. She will be sentenced at a hearing on Friday, November 14.



Tragedy: A police officer at the scene
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'BOTTLED UP'

The Scope charity, which campaigns for equal opportunities for people with disabilities, asked more than 1,500 parents across the country about their experience of caring for disabled children.

More than half had been described antidepressant drugs, researchers found, and 80 per cent said they were stressed and exhausted, and admitted "bottling up" their emotions.

Sixty-nine per cent said they had problems accessing local services and 90 per cent worried about budget cuts.

Scope has now launched a support network for families. The charity's free helpline is available on 0808 800 3333 or helpline@scope.org.uk.

QUESTIONS ABOUT FAMILY SUPPORT

A serious case review has been launched into what led to Tania Clarence taking the lives of her three children.

Sylvia Chew, Kingston Council's director of children's social care, said: "Throughout the lives of the children we sought to work with partner agencies to ensure that the Clarence family were fully supported."

"We provided support through a range of services including therapies, nursing support into the home and direct payments to the family to assist with the costs of their nanny."

"The Local Safeguarding Children Board are currently undertaking a serious case review and we will ensure any learning from this review is incorporated into our work with children with disabilities and their families."

Councillor Andrea Craig, lead member for children, youth and adult learning, said: "This tragic case highlights the extreme challenges faced by families with children with severe disabilities."

"It's unimaginable how difficult it must have been caring for three very sick children. The purpose of the serious case review will be to determine whether anything else could have been done for the



Tributes: The Clarence family home

Clarence family.

"But at the moment, everyone who was involved is absolutely devastated."

"It raises questions about how we as a society support families under such pressures – not just with children, but also adults with disabilities and dementia. It can make you feel so isolated you hide away."

"There are organisations and agencies out there, and if there's one thing I would like to do in these next four years it's to join these up."

"The Moor Lane children's service offers an excellent service and if anyone out there needs to talk to someone, I would urge they get in touch."

Kingston Moor Lane Children and Young People development service, based in Moor Lane, Chessington, provides support and developmental health services to disabled children, young people and their families. Call 020 8547 6527 or email disabled.children@kingston.gov.uk.

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Community leader hit two people in drink-driving accident

Woman who helped ex-prisoners jailed

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A reformed prisoner turned community leader is back in jail after nearly killing two people in a drink-driving accident.

Anny Darkwa, 53, from the Avenue in Surbiton, was nearly twice over the drink-drive limit and speeding at 40mph in a 30mph zone when she crashed her Peugeot 207 into a man and a woman at a pelican crossing on January 18 this year.

Both victims were left with life-threatening and life-changing injuries.

The man suffered arm and leg fractures and the woman internal and leg injuries, after Darkwa drove into them at the East Hill junction of Alma Road in Wandsworth.

Darkwa was jailed for four years at Kingston Crown Court on October 2, after admitting two counts of causing injury by dangerous driving and another count of driving under the influence.

She was also banned from

driving for 10 years.

Chief Inspector John Oldham, from the Metropolitan Police's roads and transport policing command, said: "This was a totally selfish, reckless and irresponsible act that has left two members of the public with life-changing injuries."

"I believe the sentence reflects the severity of this offence."

Steve Burton, Transport for London's director of enforcement, said: "We are pleased to see this dangerous driver jailed and removed from our roads."

Darkwa is a reformed drug addict and founder of Vision Housing, based in Wandsworth, which helps re-home ex-offenders on their release from prison.

She conceived of the idea while in prison herself, for attempting to smuggle a drug shipment through an airport.

The social enterprise, which was originally based in St Helier,

launched in

2007 and

has

helped

more than 500 ex-offenders.

Darkwa's community work has seen her made a fellow of Ashoka, a global network of social entrepreneurs, while she won the Redemption and Justice Awards for Innovation last year.

Her profile on Vision Housing states: "People feel exposed on their release from prison. They are susceptible and at risk of being drawn back into their old ways of life."

"For many, it's the only way of living they know. I know from personal experience that those first few hours are vital in reducing the risk of reoffending

because you can soon become exposed to

your old contacts and then you find yourself back in the

offending trap."

Vision Housing had not commented at the time of going to press.

Back inside: Vision Housing founder Anny Darkwa has been jailed



RAPE CHARGES: Two men charged with raping a woman in Canbury Gardens in September have appeared in court. Saeed Fatemi, 20, and Mojtaba Changi, 32, both of Lea Bridge Road, Walthamstow, appeared at Kingston Crown Court on Thursday, October 2. They will next appear for a plea and case management hearing on December 18.

IN COURT: A man will stand trial over the alleged rape of a teenager in Tolworth Broadway. Karim Tshibangu, 28, of no fixed address, appeared at Kingston Crown Court on October 8. He is charged with raping a 17-year-old in the early hours of May 2. The trial will take place on October 27 and will require a Lingala interpreter.

ASSAULT FINE: A man has been fined for assaulting two people outside Kingston police station. Michael James Clay, 26, was convicted on Friday of attacking a man and a woman in May this year. Clay, of Old Malden Lane, Worcester Park, was fined £400 at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court.

Market Place clean up on cards

The true cost of Kingston's Market Place revamp is still not known.

Kingston Council is still negotiating with contractors over the final bill, but yet more works are in the pipeline.

Council leader Kevin Davis said it is "almost certain" new canopies will have to be installed on the new stalls, and the stained paving restored.

He said: "We will have to make it as good as we can."

"The current stalls are spreading

themselves out too much, as they haven't got any cover under the current awnings."

"We are going to have to deep clean [the paving] and seal it to try to stop the nastiness of it."

Opposition leader Councillor Liz Green said: "I was disappointed with the staining on the blocks."

"I was told it wasn't supposed to be sealed. I think it looks an awful lot better than what was there."

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Wife pays warm tribute to one-armed gardener

The wife of a one-armed gardener has paid tribute to her "inspirational" husband following his death.

Alex Di Piazza worked as a council groundsman for more than 25 years, after moving from Sicily when he was 18.

Over the years he worked at Cuddington Rec in Worcester Park, Royston Park in Sutton and Poulter Park, in Mitcham.

The father-of-two, who leaves behind five grandchildren and one great-grandchild, was 67 when he died from lung cancer on September 26.

Mr Di Piazza, who also had a brain tumour, lost most of his right arm in a motorbike crash on Chelsea Bridge in 1968.

Though he could complete most gardening tasks with one arm, he would also use detachable gadgets in place of his missing limb – such as a metal hook to hold up

wires, and a clamp to grip his shovel.

His wife Susan, 60, said: "He absolutely adored gardening. He was the kind of person who would rather be at work than be on holiday."

"Alex was absolutely amazing with one hand – he could tie his shoe laces, and even blow up a balloon and tie a knot in it. He was inspirational, and never saw himself as disabled. He was always upbeat."

Mr Di Piazza moved to Carshalton Beeches in 1965, meeting Susan six years later in Epsom, having already lost his right arm.

She continued: "We were visiting a mutual friend in Ashted and the pair of us hit it off straight away. We were married a year later."

Mr Di Piazza retired in 2012, having secured four Green Flag awards for his employer Sutton Council and winning two Silver Gilt awards in London in Bloom.



LATCHMERE HOUSE: Housing developer changes tack after delays

Decision on 89 homes lies with inspectorate

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Developers have handed an ultimatum to planning chiefs over a long-running proposal for a former prison and World War I interrogation centre.

Property consultants GL Hearn has appealed to the Planning Inspectorate to make a decision on plans to turn Latchmere House, on the borders of Richmond and Kingston, into housing.

Developers Berkeley submitted two applications to both Kingston and Richmond Councils – a preferred scheme for 73 new homes and an alternative proposal for 89.

While Kingston approved both schemes on the condition that affordable housing was provided within Richmond's half of the site, Richmond Council has yet to make a decision.



'Roads can't cope with the traffic another housing estate would bring': Campaigners gather to protest

GL Hearn, on behalf of Berkeley, has now removed the 89-home option from Richmond's hands and handed it to the Planning Inspectorate.

But in a letter to residents, GL Hearn director Nick Jones said the opportunity for Richmond to approve the smaller scheme was still on the table.

Mr Jones wrote: "We have had to consider carefully how best to ensure we secure a

positive result as quickly as possible given we have been so significantly delayed.

"We have decided to remove the decision for the 89-home scheme from Richmond and have appealed to the Planning Inspectorate to make the decision instead.

"This may take some time, and as we would still prefer to build the 73-home scheme, we have left this decision in the hands of Richmond, who can still make a positive decision

on this scheme."

Latchmere Lane resident Andree Frieze said she believed the developers were trying to push a decision through before a community infrastructure levy was introduced in November, which would make the development more costly.

She said: "The residents here were happy when the building was a prison.

"The roads can't cope with the traffic another housing estate would bring."

Kingston Councillor David Cunningham, from Tudor ward, said: "It is very unfortunate it is taking such a long time for this to be resolved.

"This scheme has been the most consulted upon scheme than any other scheme that I can think of."

He said the heritage of the site would be retained via a permanent exhibition of Latchmere House's history in Tudor library.

You'll like this – a Lott

Elena Gurtful got more than she bargained for when she swiped her Nectar card on the giant purple vending machine at Kingston's ancient Market Place.

Her prize? Pixie Lott, the chart-topping British singer, serenading her with her new single.

As Elena swiped her card, Lott surprised passersby by jumping out of Nectar's

13ft "thank you" machine on Thursday, October 2.

It was all part of a touring promotion by the loyalty card company that is travelling the country this month.

The Mama Do singer said: "To see the reaction from the lady who swiped her Nectar card was brilliant, I am sure they never bargained on me popping out to sing a thank you song for them."



Thank you song: Pixie Lott in Market Place

Staff member cautioned by police after lashing out at fellow worker

Charity shop volunteer assaulted by colleague

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A charity shop worker has been cautioned for allegedly punching a colleague while customers browsed after apparently becoming upset about her holiday entitlement.

Janice Dixon, 50, from Worcester Park, lashed out at volunteer Frances Guillemain at the Fara charity shop in New Malden High Street.

Mrs Guillemain, 63, a retired hairdresser with arthritis, has not returned to work at the store since the assault.

She said: "She hit me so hard it made me lose my balance. It has upset me

terribly. I have never fallen out with anybody in that shop before.

"She was just so angry and I just happened to be there.

"I loved that charity and I was happy to give up my time for it. It is just unfortunate that I can't help out doing something I love anymore."

Mrs Guillemain said Dixon was upset over not getting the holiday time she wanted.

The mother-of-one, from Georgia Road in New Malden, had been volunteering at the shop four days a week for nearly six years.

She is also a volunteer for the British Heart Foundation.

Dixon, a paid member of staff, made a "full and frank" admission when

police officers arrested and cautioned her following the assault on September 1, at about 3.45pm.

She has been allowed to keep her job.

A police spokeswoman said although there were no witnesses there was a dispute over whether the assault was a punch or a shove.

She said: "Following an incident at a charity shop in New Malden a 50 year-old woman from Worcester Park received a police caution for common assault.

"The victim, who works as a volunteer for the charity, was involved with a disagreement with a paid member of staff from the shop.

"As a result the suspect was arrested for common

assault. She made a full and frank admission in interview and received a caution."

The spokeswoman said the investigation was now closed unless new information was received.

A spokesman from Fara's head office said: "We spoke to both people involved and dealt with it at shop level. Both are dedicated members of the team. As far as the volunteer is concerned, she was a very long-serving member of the team who had been with us for a few years. She made the decision not to stay on in the shop.

"We take anything regarding staff in the shop very seriously and we dealt with it internally as a disciplinary matter."



Upset: Frances Guillemain was assaulted by a colleague at Fara, New Malden

Car dealer accused of misleading customers

A New Malden-based used car dealership owner has denied lying to customers about the number of miles each car had racked up.

Farman Tayebi, from Putney, who owns Direct Car Sales in Burlington Road, appeared at Kingston Crown Court on Friday, October 3, to face 10 unfair trading standard counts against him and 10 against his company.

Mr Tayebi is accused of misleading customers with false information and engaging in reckless commercial practice.

At his New Malden branch in May 2013 Mr Tayebi is alleged to have sold a used Peugeot that had travelled 77,627

miles to a customer, who was wrongly told it had only been as far as 37,000 miles.

He is also alleged to have handed out invoices and sales contracts to customers confirming the vehicles they had wanted were "sold as seen", influencing their transactional decisions.

The charges date from June 16, 2012, to April 28, 2014, and include trading offences allegedly committed by Mr Tayebi or the company at its Coombe Road, Croydon, or New Malden branches.

A trial will begin on July 6 next year.

For more local news see
kingstonguardian.co.uk

Whistling bin man fired

A bin man working for Kingston Council has been dismissed after a 13-year-old girl claimed he blew kisses and wolf-whistled at her.

The girl was waiting at a bus stop in Chessington, in her school uniform, when the Veolia agency sub-contractor is said to have passed her and made the lewd gestures.

The girl's father said: "At the time of the incident, this caused her alarm, panic and distress and she immediately contacted me on my mobile.

"This in turn caused me stress, anger and panic because I was travelling to work and helpless at a time when she felt she needed me most."

The incident is said to have taken place on Tuesday, September 30.

A spokesman for Veolia, the

council contractor employing the man, said: "Following our investigation we have identified the real culprit – an agency loader – who has been dismissed from the Kingston contract and excluded from working on any other Veolia contracts."

The company said at the time: "We expect our staff to act as ambassadors for the company and the council, and we are reminding all employees of their responsibilities.

"We would like to apologise for any distress these incidents have caused."

A second woman also alleged catcalling by bin men, by using Twitter to contact the council.

A Kingston Council spokesman said: "We take this very seriously."

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PASSENGER'S DISTRESS: Transport for London offers 'sincere apologies' to wheelchair user Trapped on bus after ramp fails

REPORTER

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A woman using a motorised wheelchair was trapped on a Kingston bus for an hour after an electric ramp failed.

Katie Mason, 24, decided to catch an early bus from her care home in Claygate to Kingston College, where she is an access to nursing student.

But she ended up at Cromwell Road bus station, with staff trying to find somewhere to park the bus where a replacement ramp – borrowed from Kingston train station – would allow her to alight.

She said: "It's quite a frequent event on the K3. Often a ramp will not come out and it causes a problem, holding up the bus. People get impatient and I get embarrassed."

"I know I'm not the only person who experiences it. It's a big problem that needs to be highlighted."

Miss Mason, who had osteoporosis diagnosed in 2010, said that bus drivers sometimes pass right by her, or if they do stop, expect her to wait for the next bus if prams are taking up space inside.

The former university student, who has returned to education and now has regained

some limited mobility, said: "They didn't really care that I had to get back to my stop."

"The whole experience has left me questioning whether to use the bus again."

"I think there are many solutions, and if they actually asked the people who used the services how to solve them they might actually work."

"If they had a smaller ramp at the bus station and it happened again they would at least have a way of getting people off."

"You can't rely on the train station."

Ken Davidson, head of Transport for London's bus operations, said: "We would like to offer our sincere apologies to the passenger who was unable to alight from a K3 bus at her chosen stop."

"Every bus in the capital's fleet is low floor and wheelchair accessible, with the wheelchair ramps checked every day before each bus enters service."

"This means that incidents of this nature, while highly regrettable, are thankfully very rare."

"We will ask the operator of route K3, Abellio, to investigate this incident as a matter of urgency."

Abellio did not respond to a request for comment.



Given an apology: Katie Mason

Deadline: KT8790

CRASH SEIZURE: A man had a seizure after two cars and a bus collided outside Kingston Hospital. Paramedics were called to Kingston Hill at the junction with Galsworthy Road, just before 3pm on Tuesday. The man, in his 60s, suffered a fit and scratches to his face, but did not need hospital treatment.

WOMEN'S CYCLING: A new cycling shop aimed specifically at women was due to open in Surbiton yesterday. Bella Velo, in Surbiton Parade, welcomed Olympian Lizzie Armitstead and pro road racer Tiffany Cromwell on its opening night on Wednesday, October 15.

TEEN SAFE: A missing teenager from Kingston has been found safe and well. Millie Spencer, 15, disappeared on Thursday, October 2, sparking a police appeal. She was found by Metropolitan Police officers on Saturday, October 11.

TIME TO LISTEN: Princess Alice Hospice is on the lookout for Kingston residents who would like to train to become hospice neighbours. The role involves sparing four hours a week to listen to and spend time with those in their last few years of life. For more information call Caroline Scollon on 01372 461805.

TACKLING TIPPING: Fly-tipping in the Cox Lane industrial estate could force councillors to approve new CCTV cameras at a cost of £7,000. Kingston Council officers admit the current camera's performance is "lacking" at night. The new system would cost a further £1,300 a year to maintain.

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Junction work is on

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Ad hoc road closures will be put in place between 8pm and 2am from next Monday until the end of the works, while Rushett Lane will be closed in the area around the roadworks from Monday, October 20, to Friday, November 14.

Fairoak Lane will close from Monday, November 17, to Friday, November 28, as part of phase four – to allow the completion of a new safer crossing.

Overall, the work is expected to finish on Friday, March 27, 2015, Transport for London said.

The authority added: "We will endeavour to keep to the dates quoted, however, there may be times when events out of our control might affect the programme."

For full details, visit consultations.tfl.gov.uk/streets/malden-rushett.

Sign up for ski special

There is still time to sign up for Surbiton's Ski Sunday, when brave citizens will strap blocks of ice to their feet and stumble down St Mark's Hill.

Head over to St Andrew's Square afterwards from

1.30pm to 4.30pm to partake of warming soup – and bring a potato or leek if you can.

The ski event will run from 11am to 1pm on Sunday, October 19. For full information visit seethingwells.org.

Arctic war veterans are 'overwhelmed' by medal

REPORTER

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World War II veterans were presented with medals marking their service protecting aid convoys to Russia.

Jim Baynes and Ken Watson visited the Russian embassy in London to receive the medals from ambassador Alexander Vladimirovich Yakovenko.

Mr Baynes, 91, of Raeburn Avenue, Berrylands, said: "He made a very nice speech and presented it personally to everyone. There were 30 of us."

"They were very hospitable and very kind – we had a very nice day."

"I cannot emphasise too much the hospitality and the great relationship, which emanated at the embassy. It really is a wonderful gesture on their part."

During the war Royal Navy vessels protected supply ships in convoys to the Russian ports of Murmansk and Archangelsk.

Mr Baynes joined the Arctic convoys, aboard frigate HMS Anguilla, not long before the war ended.

He added: "I had just come back from being in the Mediterranean for



Recognition: Jim Baynes and Ken Watson with their medals

Deadlinepix KT87724

two-and-a-half years. I came back when my ship was sunk."

After recuperating from burns suffered when his previous ship, the corvette HMS Erica, struck a mine heading towards Alexandria, Mr Baynes was shipped off to the Russian convoys – "hot and cold", he said.

Mr Watson, 88, of Princes Avenue, Tolworth, said: "I'm so proud we were presented

with it. Everyone who got them, and I have been in contact with one or two chaps I know, they're all overwhelmed with the medal."

Mr Watson served aboard escort carrier HMS Vindex, a converted merchant vessel.

He was "P-1 pom-pom", manning a gun on the port side of the ship.

He said: "You were scanning 180 degrees on one side of the ship, seeing if there were any

U-boats coming up that could blow the convoy up."

"One time we were the flagship of the convoy – we had a vice-admiral on board."

"It was very interesting, especially at night when you saw the Northern Lights."

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More works planned for Kingston Ancient Market

The changes have 'resulted in a surge in footfall to both the market and retail outlets'. For a party that stood on helping businesses, perhaps Coun Davis et al should stop whinging and support schemes that help local companies.

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Latchmere House plans handed to planning inspectorate

Let's hope they get on with it so that this much needed increase to available housing in both boroughs goes ahead.

&ANOTHERTHING

One-hour bus ordeal for student in wheelchair

Unbelievable. Surely a few able-bodied chaps could have lifted the wheelchair off the bus? Or were the jobsworths waiting for a risk assessment to be completed?

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Not a siege in Gaza

Regarding the letters from Messrs Hamel and Jamal (No angels and No peace until equality issues are addressed, September 26), there is no "siege" of Gaza.

A siege is when nothing or no one is allowed to enter or depart, which is not the case in Gaza.

There are border controls by both Egypt and Israel seeking to prevent the entry of weapon-making materials into Gaza, and to stop the movement of terrorists.

Despite these measures, Hamas built attack tunnels using concrete imported from Israel intended for building houses, schools and hospitals.

The blockade was only introduced in 2007 after Hamas took control of Gaza, and was the result of persistent rocket strikes on Israel.

Prior to that, Gazans were able freely to enter Israel to work, and at one time there was a thriving industrial zone straddling the Israel/Gaza border, providing thousands of jobs.

Sadly, this beneficial joint-enterprise was forced to close after successive deadly Palestinian attacks on it. But to this day, truckloads of goods enter Gaza almost

daily and this even continued throughout the recent conflict, except when militants' missiles targeting the border crossings forced them to close.

The treatment in Israeli hospitals of thousands of Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank continues.

I would expect Kingston Peace Council to take issue with the Hamas Charter (Article 7), which seeks the destruction not only of Israel, but of Jews worldwide.

Mr Hamel states that Hamas' rockets are "of mainly nuisance value". The parents of four-year-old Daniel Tragerman, killed by a missile fired from Gaza, and the families of other Israelis killed, maimed and injured by the 25,000 plus rockets and mortars fired indiscriminately from Gaza, would disagree.

It was only Israel's defensive measures, notably Iron Dome and provision of bomb shelters that prevented higher casualty numbers.

If members of the Peace Council and their children had 15 seconds to reach a shelter several times a day and were terrified in case shrapnel hit them, would they still consider the rockets a

mere "nuisance"?

I dispute Mr Jamal's claim that "Palestinians" (actually Arab-Israelis) living in Israel are denied full equality. All Israeli citizens have equal rights and consequently there are Arab, Bedouin and Druze Israelis serving in all walks of life.

It is the Palestinians living in Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt and other Arab countries who suffer real discrimination, with many denied citizenship.

The BBC's head of statistics wrote regarding the recent conflict that "caution was needed with Gaza casualty figures".

A large number of those claimed as "civilians" have subsequently been identified by Hamas itself as militants, and some of these fighters were also misleadingly classified as "children".

Inoted the criticism of previous correspondents who withheld their contact details; it is precisely because those seeking to defend Israel receive vitriolic abuse and even death threats that I ask to withhold mine.

NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED

Sharp truth from nature

Alison Fure (Why turn nature site into a theme park? September 26) reveals a detailed knowledge of the flora and fauna of Tolworth Court Farm.

However, one needs to fully understand the psychology of that common subspecies: homo sapiens busybodyensis.

An overgrown plot next to an infants' school, where a house had burned down a generation earlier, was taken over by the parents' association – the plan was to transform it as a nature reserve for the instruction of the young.

They set to work with shears and machetes to clear the undergrowth and establish picnic tables.

When it was pointed out they had removed nine tenths of the natural habitat, the reply was: "But the little ones might get scratched by thorns."

Being scratched by thorns and bitten by insects, or indeed mammals and reptiles, is all part of learning about nature.

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Green Party clarification

Following up from Mike Siegel's letter about misinformation in the Liberal Democrat leaflet for the upcoming Tudor ward by election on October 16 (Confusion, October 3), I would like to make a further clarification.

While canvassing the ward for the Green Party, a number of residents have queried which party Marilyn Mason represents.

For, in spite of its overwhelming green colour and listing of her environmental campaigning – much of which we support and applaud – Marilyn Mason is not standing for the Green Party.

We thank them for highlighting green issues that obviously concern many people, but to clear up any confusion caused by the lack of Lib Dem orange on the leaflet, the Green Party candidate is Ryan Coley.

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Who has the right of way on a riverside path?

While jogging on the river side of Portsmouth Road, I found myself being shouted at by a lady on a mobility scooter.

Apparently I was not moving out of the way so she could overtake me because I could not hear her shouting due to the fact that I was wearing ear phones.

She seemed quite upset by this, so I apologised and crossed the road to avoid getting in her way as we seemed to be keeping to roughly the same speed.

I have genuine sympathy for anyone who needs a mobility scooter for medical issues, (I work in the NHS myself), but having considered the issue further, I feel that there was something amiss here.

My average jogging speed is 10kph, I may have been going slower as it was the end of my run, but I am wondering if scooters that can travel at speeds over 8km per hour are allowed to travel on footpaths?

Surely there is a safety issue here? And if they are, who has right of way – pedestrians or scooters?

Are scooters fitted with a horn to deal with such situations? Perhaps people feel that joggers should not wear ear phones and that would have avoided the issue?

I am interested to see if readers have any opinions on this.

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TWEETS of the WEEK



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Sophie Cavanagh, headteacher of The Kingston Academy with prospective pupils outside the North Kingston Centre

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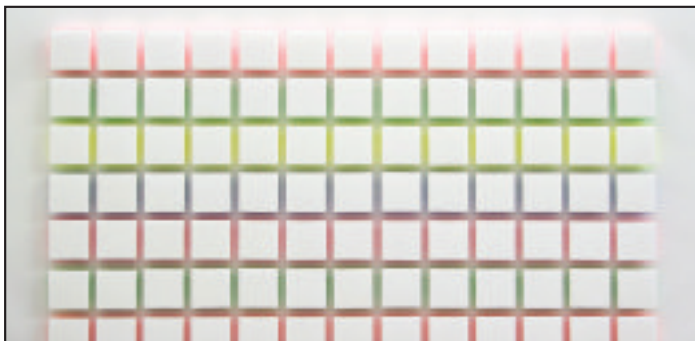
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LOST IN LOVE

Puccini is coming alive in Kingston this month with the gut-wrenching music of the Opera de Bauge's *Madama Butterfly*.

The story follows a young girl who gives up all she has to marry a reckless American naval officer.

Heartbreak ensues; beautifully emphasised by Puccini's dramatic and emotive music.

Madama Butterfly is staged in a traditional Japanese setting with the lead role performed by soprano Karlene Moreno-Hayworths.

The Rose Theatre production will be a chance to witness many young talented British singers and musicians, including

Pavarotti's own protegee, Shaun Dixon, as the American officer who loves and abandons *Butterfly* with tragic consequences.

The performer had a unique look into legendary Pavarotti's life, staying at the tenor's house during his studies and invited to tour the US with the Italian operatic star.

Dixon says: "Luciano taught me

everything he knew about voice production and I'm happy to share some of the results of that training with everyone that comes to hear me."

The production follows the company's performance of Verdi's *Aida*, also at the Rose theatre, earlier this year.

● **Madama Butterfly**; the Rose theatre, 24 - 26 High Street, Kingston; October 19, 7.30pm; £40; visit rosetheatrekingston.org.



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MINER'S MISERY

Musician Alexander Wolfe tells JON SHARMAN about the challenges of writing the score for *The Trench*, a tragic story that comes to the Rose Theatre later this month

The tale of a trapped miner has struck a chord with audiences across the country and garnered praise for its poignant portrayal of the horrors of the Great War.

The Trench, from Les Enfants Terribles, follows a miner stuck underneath a sodden trench through music, mime, puppetry and live-action acting.

The company says of the miner's tale: "As the horror threatens to engulf him, he finds that not everything in the darkness is what it seems as he starts to discover a new, strange

world beneath the mud and death.

"Setting off on an epic journey of salvation, the boundaries between reality and fantasy blur as he questions what's real, what's not and whether it even matters."

One man particularly drawn to the story is musician Alexander Wolfe, who wrote the original score for the play.

Wolfe says that on reading the script for the first time: "It broke my heart a little bit in places."

He adds: "The story is so relentless. The music from *The Trench* is

moody and it's dark and it sets a scene.

"I tried to use music from the era and it just sounded ludicrous. Music from the time was putting a brave face on it, and trying to be cheerful.

"I just wrote how I felt about it. It was partly I realised I didn't have to follow the rules of theatre music-writing, I could just write songs.

"I wanted it to be accessible to everyone."

A couple of the pieces from the play have found their way on to Wolfe's new album, *Into the Deep* – which launched this week.



THE TRENCH

● Rose Theatre, High Street, Kingston; October 22-25; various times; from £13; visit rosetheatrekingston.org.

Vibe SHORTS

VINTAGE VEHICLES: Breakfast and classic cars are combining for the last meeting of like-minded vintage vehicle fans. Subject to weather conditions, Test Hill could be in action, so bring your classic.

● **Classic Breakfast; Brooklands Museum, Brooklands Road, Weybridge; Sunday, October 26; from 8am; £12, children £6, trust members £9; events@brooklandsmuseum.com**

FUNGI FUN: Join expert Dr Brian Spooner for a stroll in Painshill looking at fungi. The foray into fungi will educate those who want to know more about the species.

● **Guided Foray; Painshill Park, Cobham; Sunday, October 19, 11am and 2pm; adults £10, children £5; advanced booking required on 01932 868113.**

FINDING NIMMO: A Scottish singer, songwriter and actor who combines traditional songs with his own material is taking to the stage. Fraser Nimmo delivers his set with flair and wit, while plucking his trusty guitar and banjo.

● **Fraser Nimmo; the Ram Club, the Old Cranleighs, Portsmouth Road, Thames Ditton; Friday, October 17, 7.30pm; members £8, non-members £9.**

Thinking OUTSIDE THE BOX

The comedy calendar rolls on at Outside the Box at the Fighting Cocks.

Next Saturday sees a four-act show, featuring Abi Roberts, Gareth Richards, Byron Bertram and Maff Brown.

Richards is a former Edinburgh best newcomer nominee while Roberts will delve into comedians' record collections with her Edinburgh show *Musical Cid*.

The following weekend, James Mullinger will stop by on his tour to explain the story behind *How a Middle Class Feminist Fell In Love With Danny Dyer*.

● **Outside the Box comedy; the Fighting Cocks, Old London Road, Kingston; October 20 and 27, 8pm and 7.30pm respectively; visit outsidetheboxcomedy.co.uk.**

JAMES MULLINGER





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HOME of JAZZ

Central London is home to some of the world's most legendary jazz clubs, but quality jazz can also be heard in the suburbs, writes Alice Foster.

If you don't fancy a trip up to somewhere like Ronnie Scotts in Soho or the Jazz Cafe in Camden, it's worth seeking out smaller bars, clubs and restaurants offering live jazz.

Many jazz lovers in the south-west of London and Surrey have taken it upon themselves to set up their own venues and invite down home-grown and international acts.

Jazz sax player Kelvin Christiane, who runs Twickenham Jazz Club, says: "I moved here with my wife about 10 years and I thought there's a real need for it. There was nothing like it. "Jazz tends to be a big city thing. There's tons of musicians and more people putting it on. It tends to be enthusiasts who put together a jazz club."

Over in Streatham,



KELVIN CHRISTIANE

businesswoman Frances Strachan opened the Hideaway Jazz Cafe in the high road by the overground station five years ago.

Nick Nealson, manager of the club, says: "By no means is the West End the only place to go if you want to have a great night out for

live music.

"The jazz scene is thriving and we always hear of new clubs opening and jazz bands and small restaurants who put acts on."

Nealson stresses that jazz music is a spectrum that includes other music such as soul, funk, Latin and swing.

He says: "Jazz is a many-coloured sound and we have all the different colours on our palate."

Further out in Ashtead, Surrey, Tom Early, who started a club in 2012, says

there were the popular jazz venues up in London, such as 606 Club, and the Watermill Jazz Club in Dorking.

But Early says: "I felt Ashtead didn't have one. I have lived in Ashtead all my life and I wanted it to have what everyone else had."

The Hideaway is taking part in the London Jazz Festival, which has venues across the capital and will be showcasing a mix of talent from around the globe.

WHERE TO LISTEN: The Boaters holds a free jazz evening every Sunday, while the Rose Theatre offers a free lunchtime jazz session on the first Tuesday of every month. ● **The Boaters, Canbury Park, Lower Ham Road KT2 5AU; Sundays, 8pm; boaterslivemusic.com, 020 8541 4672.** ● **Jazz First Tuesdays; Rose Theatre, 24-26 High Street, Kingston KT1 1HL; 020 8546 6983, rosetheatrekingston.org.**

WHERE TO LISTEN

- **The London Jazz Festival; Friday, November 14, to Sunday, November 23; efglondonjazzfestival.org.uk**
- **Hideaway Jazz Cafe; Streatham High Road; hideawaylive.co.uk**
- **Twickenham Jazz Club; the Bloomsbury; Staines Road; Twickenham twickenhamjazzclub.co.uk**
- **Ashtead Jazz Club; Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall, Woodfield Lane, Ashtead; ashteadjazzclub.com**



VIEW FROM THE WINDOW:

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● **The Big Draw; Cornerhouse, Douglas Road, Surbiton; October 27, 10am to noon; free; visit thecornerhouse.org.**

TWO'S COMPANY: Real-life married couples will be among the performers during a series of sketches and monologues about the highs and lows of relationships.

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Should you renovate or not?

The best landlord investments reviewed

According to a recent survey by HSBC, a buy-to-let property in perfect condition will make a better investment than one requiring renovation.

But is that really the case and how much notice should landlords take of surveys and statistics when choosing their ideal buy-to-let property?

Leaders' investor network account manager, Charis Henn, has examined the findings. She said: "The research found that landlords who purchase a buy-to-let property requiring no renovation receive an average yield of 5.4 per cent, compared with a yield of 4.4 per cent received by those who purchase a property that requires extensive refurbishment.

"It also showed that a buy-to-let property in perfect condition and ready to let costs 43 per cent more than one requiring renovation, but will be the better long-term investment because it

will achieve higher yields. These findings are interesting, however, landlords should be cautious when reviewing research like this because every property and area is different and needs to be considered on its own merits. It is dangerous to generalise when it comes to making investment decisions.

"Bearing in mind the greater outlay for a property in perfect condition, it would take an investor a longer period of time to recuperate the extra money spent than if a cheaper property was bought and refurbished.

"There would also be more pressure to secure a long-term tenant to avoid losing money through void periods and re-letting costs.

"In order to justify the higher level of rent and satisfy tenant's expectations, the landlord would need to regularly invest in maintaining and updating the property to keep the same high

standard. Some landlords would prefer to avoid this kind of pressure.

"The financial situation and priorities of each individual investor should be what influence their choice of investment property, not studies and statistics which show only general patterns and trends.

"The location and property type will also influence the decisions you make. A four bedroom house in a rural area – even in perfect condition – is not likely to let as quickly or to be occupied as consistently as one or two bedroom town or city centre apartment with access to good employers and transport links.

"The bottom line is that each property must be considered on its own merits, taking into account purchase price, projected yield, the cost of refurbishments, any borrowing costs and the investors own financial situation and priorities."



Leaders' investor network account manager, Charis Henn

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More people will be able to enjoy warmer homes and more control of their energy bills as a result of an additional £100 million recently announced by the Government for household energy efficiency.

Applications for a new phase of the Green Deal Home Improvement Fund, designed to help people make energy saving improvements to their home, will open to households before the end of November.

Further details including terms and conditions, rates and all measures to be covered will be announced next month.

Energy and Climate Change Secretary, Ed Davey said: "More

money means more people can live in warmer, greener homes sooner."

Energy and Climate Change minister Amber Rudd added: "Over three quarters of a million homes have already had energy saving improvements installed as a result of the Energy Company Obligation and Green Deal schemes and it makes sense to help even more families install measures so they see the benefits of lower bills."

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2. The purpose of the Order is to enable carriageway resurfacing works to take place on A240 Kingston Road.
3. The effect of the Order is to prohibit any vehicle from entering, exiting, proceeding or stopping on the north westbound carriageway of A240 Kingston Road between its junctions with Worcester Park Road and Jubilee Way. Local access will be maintained. The Order will be effective at certain times between 20th October 2014 and 16th December 2014 every night from 09.00 PM to 05.00 AM or until the works have been completed whichever is the sooner. The prohibitions will apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.
4. The prohibitions will not apply in respect of:

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Hybrids on a high

Hybrid cars now make up almost a quarter of Toyota's sales in the UK, the firm has announced.

Thanks to huge increases in sales figures for the British-built Auris Hybrid and good results for the new Aygo and low-CO2 RAV4, Toyota GB is up 4.5 per cent versus last year. In total, 22.5 per cent of those sales were petrol-electric hybrids.

The Auris Hybrid has sold 20.6 per cent more units than at this point in 2013, and its popularity has grown to include almost half of all Auris sales in the UK.

Meanwhile, the Aygo has made an 'immediate impact' according to Toyota, selling almost 20 per cent better than the old model.

Hybrid power is also proving popular in the supermini Yaris. A quarter of those bought in the UK are equipped with the proven and self-recharging full hybrid system pioneered in the late 1990s by the Prius.



STAR IN A CAR: comedian Marcus Brigstocke

A true classic driving style

Stand-up comedian Marcus Brigstocke is a familiar face on the likes of Have I Got News For You, QI, Argumental and Live At The Apollo. He is also a regular on BBC radio. Visit www.marcusbrigstocke.com or follow him on Twitter @marcusbrig

What was your first car?

My first car was a VW Golf. It was white and I put black and white tiger skin seat covers on it, a thick fluffy steering wheel cover and had dice on the rear view mirror. It was known as the smooth-mobile. It looked hideous and I loved it. It made me laugh.

How many times did it take to pass your test?

It took me two attempts. I learned with BSM and then a local place in Hammersmith. You don't learn to drive until after your test ... not really.

Who would be your ideal fantasy passenger and where would you go?

Well that's hard to answer - but it would be the woman I'm in love with. Convincing her to come with me might be difficult right now though. It's complicated. I'd drive us to the airport and whisk her away to somewhere heavenly.

What is your dream car?

I'm not sure I have one. An old, but reliable, VW Camper maybe or an Aston Martin. Similar vehicles...

How would you describe your driving style?

Classic. Stylish. Awesome. Sexy. Dangerous - but in a good way. I do thousands of miles on tour so my style is music loud, singing along and remember to be courteous.

Tell me one driving anecdote from your past?

I don't drink. If I did I would never drink and drive. However, I got squiffy on a cheese fondue with a lot of wine in it and very gently crashed a rented car into a bollard. Idiot! Who gets drunk on cheese?

What are you listening to?

Radio 4 - so I know what's going on. Caustic Love by Paulo Nutini because it's the album of the year. Otherwise a mess of different music and lots of Pink Floyd.

What do you drive now?

A hybrid Lexus because it saves a few quid and some emissions are



residues. I bought it when I was briefly lucky enough to own a classic 1972 Airstream caravan and wanted a hybrid with enough power to pull it. The silver bullet. Loved it. Lost it. Ho hum - I was lucky to have it for even a little while.

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Back to its sports car roots

Despite recently launching a compact SUV, Porsche hasn't forgotten its sports car roots. The German car maker has added a new GTS version to its 911 model line-up.

Available in both coupe and convertible bodystyles plus rear and four-wheel drive, the 911 Carrera GTS boasts an uprated version of the 3.8-litre engine found in the regular Carrera S and a host of GTS specific standard kit.

Packing 430 horsepower - 30 more than the regular S models - the GTS shaves a few tenths off the zero to 62mph sprint when combined with Porsche's dual clutch gearbox, while the quoted top speed with the standard fit seven-speed gearbox is now 198mph.

Visual differences run to adopting the wide body and



increased rear track from the Carrera 4 variant, while the car's rear deck sports bespoke GTS trim details and it gains unique-to-GTS matte black 20-inch alloy wheels.

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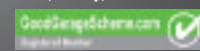
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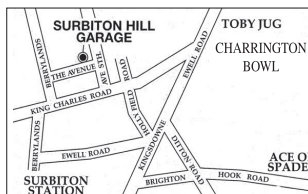
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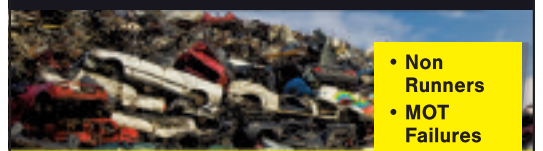
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Corinthian Casuals captain Jason Turley said he would have celebrated with the Kingstonian fans had he netted in last week's 3-0 Robert Dyas League Cup defeat to

his former club.

Turley made 48 appearances in two seasons with the Kingsmeadow outfit and was part of former boss Alan Dowson's Ryman

Division One South title winning squad of 2009.

Casuals lost 5-1 at home to Whyteleafe last Friday and travel to Leighton Town in the FA Trophy on Saturday.

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Winner: Rebecca Herbert scored her fifth goal of the season to land a 2-1 win at Clifton on Saturday

Herbert is head girl

Surbiton's Rebecca Herbert struck her fifth goal of the season to put her side two points clear at the top of the WHL Premier League table on Saturday, writes Colin Pike.

Herbert fired home four minutes into the second half to secure a 2-1 win at Clifton after being forced to come from behind to bag the points.

Jo Leigh had earlier put the home side ahead from a third minute penalty corner, but head coach Brett Garrard's Surbiton hit back to level through Abi Robinson 17 minutes later.

Sugden Road's men remain second in the MHL Premier Division after a 2-0 win over Hampstead & Westminster thanks to goals from Matt Daly and Dave Beckett.

Head coach Todd Williams' side are level on points with league leaders East Grinstead, but have an inferior goal difference.

The club's men entertain Canterbury at Sugden Road on Sunday, while the women also host Canterbury on Saturday.

● Surbiton's Jonathan Gall captained Team GB's U21s to a 5-0 win over Pakistan at the Sultan of Johor Cup in Malaysia on Sunday and a 2-0 win over India in the same competition on Monday.



Having a go: Team GB U21s captain Jonathan Gall in EuroHockey action for Surbiton last season

HEARTBREAK: Borough shatter Ks' cup dreams in stoppage time

Lok unpicks Ks defence



Nearly a hero: Ks striker Elvis Hammond looked like he had secured his side an FA Cup replay when his double strike levelled the scores at 2-2 at Kingsmeadow on Sunday

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Ks boss Tommy Williams claimed his side deserved at least an FA Cup replay after falling short of a successful comeback on Sunday.

Kingstonian crashed out of the cup in heartbreaking fashion as an injury time Darren Lok strike saw Conference South Eastbourne Borough grab a 3-2 win at Kingsmeadow.

Goals from Simon Johnson and Lloyd Foot had put the Sports 2-0 up early in the second half before Elvis Hammond struck twice to seemingly put Ks on their way to a rematch.

But Williams and his men had not reckoned on substitute Lok popping up with the winner in the 92nd minute to end hopes of a place in the fourth qualifying round.

"In the second half we were tremendous and it looked like

only one team would win it and that was us. I feel for the lads I really do," said the manager.

"As good as we were we could have done better with all three of their goals. We could have dealt with things further up the pitch better."

"But I really feel for the lads. We deserved something from the game."

"If any neutral came to the game I don't think they would have been able to tell who was the Ryman Premier League side and who was from the Conference South."

And Williams believes repeating that performance throughout their league campaign would see them in the promotion hunt come April.

"We need to take that desire, tempo and passion into our league fixtures," he added ahead of Saturday's visit of Billericay Town.

"If we do that then I don't see why we can't be there or thereabouts come the end of the season."



Missed opportunity: Kingstonian frontman Andre McCollin gets friendly with the Eastbourne Borough defence in Sunday's 3-2 defeat. McCollin, who has scored 10 goals this season, was guilty of missing a crucial opportunity on the stroke of half time that might have changed the course of the match

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Up and down: Kingstonian midfielder Daniel Sweeney, left centre, celebrates with goalscorer Elvis Hammond, but, above left, he cannot hide his disappointment at the final whistle alongside centre back Sam Page



Stepping out: Kingston & Polytechnic Harrier Phoebe Law, left, alongside Surrey Ladies League race winner Cathy Ansell of Herne Hill Harriers in Richmond Park on Saturday

Corcoran triumphs

Kingston & Polytechnic Harrier George Corcoran led his team home to a third place finish in the opening Surrey Men's Cross Country League fixture of the season, writes Stuart Amos.

The 21-year-old clocked 27 minutes 15 seconds to win the Division Three race by 55 seconds in Richmond Park on Saturday, while there were top 10 finishes from James Robertson and Alex Thomas.

Stragglers Running Club's Paul Lowe clocked 27:28 to finish third in the Division Two race at Newlands Corner with clubmate Martin Snodgrass (28:25) finishing eighth.

Kingston & Poly's Phoebe Law finished second to Herne Hill Harrier Cathy Ansell in the Surrey Ladies League match at the same venue.

The 17-year-old clocked 24:27 to finish only 17 seconds behind an athlete 10 years her senior – but it was only good enough to help her team to seventh in the Division Two standings.

Clubmate Mollie O'Sullivan finished third in the U15 race as her team-mates came home third overall.

MIDDLE ROAD: Kingston could not match their opening day win in Surrey One as they crashed 13-12 at Old Cranleighs ahead of Saturday's visit to Old Wimbledonians. New Malden-based KCS Old Boys lost 20-30 at home to Winchester, and go to Portsmouth this weekend. Old Emanuel drew 27-27 at Economicals in Division Two, while Old Blues lost 13-11 at Guildfordians.

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